



WAC 246-100-166

MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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As of June 9, 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention adopted the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation that all children receive 2 doses of mumps vaccine to be properly immunized against the disease. This is a change from the previously recommended single dose.

Most children already receive 2 doses of mumps vaccine in the recommended combination measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The practice of giving 2 MMR vaccinations was established to adequately immunize a child against measles and is included in the ACIP Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule (ACIP schedule).

The intent of this implementation plan is to ensure children entering Kindergarten receive 2 doses of vaccine to provide adequate immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella prior to attending school, and to ensure consistency with the ACIP schedule referenced in WAC 246-100-166, Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. School-age children in before and after-school child care need to meet the immunization requirements for their grade in school.

The impact of this change is expected to be minimal. Most children receive 2 doses of MMR vaccine in order to receive the previously required 2 doses of measles vaccine. For example, this may affect a small number of children who have immigrated to Washington State from Mexico and have received only one mumps vaccine.

Implementation

As of July 1, 2007, children attending Kindergarten through 12th grade are required to show proof of vaccination with 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine, or have a properly documented exemption. Upon adoption of this implementation plan by the State Board of Health; the Department of Health will notify schools, child cares, and preschools of the practice change within a month.

Schools that use a computer data base for immunizations will be able to run a report for mumps and rubella deficiency and inform parents and guardians of the need to vaccinate their child prior to school attendance in the fall of 2007.